

## Mitchell Field Implementation Committee Meetings (pg 1)

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Note: There were two Mitchell Field Implementation Committee meetings in May. The first meeting was the regular monthly committee meeting. The second meeting specifically addressed pier issues.

### **REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - MAY 5, 2008**

Attendees: Judith Redwine, Jim Hayes, Dan Boland, Chris Duval, Don Miskill, and Rob Roark.

Also present: Carol Tukey and Amy Haible.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

#### **Meeting Minutes:**

- The 4/22/08 meeting minutes were approved with two minor changes.

#### **Business:**

- **Committee Process** - Chair or appointed person will be the contact with town officials and the press. Also, remember that substantive discussions should take place at official meetings. The use of e-mails to conduct committee business makes them part of the official record.
- **Grant Process Update** - Detailed discussion about possible grants to explore zoning changing and engineering studies at Mitchell Field to assist in the Master Plan Implementation process. There was no BRAC process when the field was returned to the town. An OEA grant could be sought and the Pine Tree Economic Development Zone is part of the Base BRAC process. There are 3 grant possibilities in Jun-Sep timeframe. See the need for three grants at this stage: Brownfield, Pier Assessment and Facilities Engineering Study/Assessment. Carol will notify the committee when she needs assistance.
- **Pier Survey** - Detailer discussion about the status of the pier and what we need to do in order to move forward in developing a use plan for the structure. How do we get an updated structural survey? Maine DOT or USN/BIW divers? There will be an onsite meeting and a special committee meeting to address pier issues [see NEXT MEETINGS below].
- **Community Input and Involvement** - Do we need a survey booth at the Harpswell Festival? Should we have more 'open gate' Saturday sessions?
- **Shorefront Fence Removal** - Proposal to remove the fence but leave the posts in the ground was defeated. Plan is to reuse the posts and fence for dog run. Dispose of the barbwire. Work plan has been approved for May 10. Reviewed equipment requirements.
- **Kiosk** - Proposal is for something small. Materials list has been forwarded to the Recycling Center. Approximately \$1200-\$1500. No mechanism/entity to accept donations for Mitchell Field projects.
- **Dogs at MF** - Chris Duval & Don Miskill will liaise with the Rec Cmte and develop a proposal.
- Carol Tukey handed out several items to assist the committee in developing specific implementation plans, planning standards, and grant writing.
- Route 123 entrance Subcommittee - Rob Roark/Dave Chipman/Judith Redwine

Agenda items 6-8 were deferred to the next meeting due to the late hour. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

#### **Next Meetings:**

- Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 at Mitchell Field (Pier Discussion)
- Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 PM. (Pier Issues Meeting)

- Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 PM. (Regular Meeting)  
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## **SPECIAL PIER ISSUES MEETING - MAY 19, 2008**

Attendees: Judith Redwine, Don Miskill, and Rob Roark.

Also present: Carol Tukey, Amy Haible, Jim Henderson, Mary Ann Nahf, Tony Barrett, Hank Schwartz, Ellie Multer, Sally Carignan, Ann Nemrow.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.

**Comments:** Not able to gather much info about the pier during the Master Plan development process. None of the planning groups made any specific recommendations about the pier.

### **Observations and Inputs:**

- Leave it - Do nothing.
- Local uses - fishing, sitting benches, food shack, and public use.
- Reduce size/height to support small boat and local fishing use.
- Regional use pier facility.
- Use the boat basin.
- Let the Sea Scouts use the former pump house for their operations.
- Have an environmentally sound plan if we demolish or alter the structure.
- Remove the outrigger bridges and let the round caissons go.
- Cut the size down to make it more inviting to the public.
- Use floats and ramps vice resizing the pier
- \$ Required to make the structure safe for public use [vice large vessel use].
- Insurability in its current state versus reduced size plan.
- No support for restoration to former condition for prior use.
- Should not just let it fall down.
- What is impact on commercial fishing businesses if pier is developed to support fishing operations?
- Pedestrian recreational use does not have \$ return unless fee charged or had food service operation.
- No single use of the pier should preclude other uses.
- Break recreation [boating versus non-boating] uses down to control costs.

### **What next:**

- Lets clean the pier up so people can walk on it. Remove broken piping, wiring structures, etc.
- Make a list of what we want removed on the pier. What can we do ourselves?
- Need a comprehensive pier assessment with current \$ costs for required work.
- Need RFP for light poles and piping removal. Develop the list first.

### **Pier Assessment:**

- Can MMA or UM Orono help us? Can the US Navy or BIW help us?
- Is there NASB BRAC money available? Town Planner will look into this option.
- Pursue assessment \$ with Congressional delegation. Need a meeting with reps.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Miskill